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comparing the touch gesture similarity value with a first threshold value; and

comparing the non-touch similarity value with a second threshold value.

- 3. The method of claim 2, further comprising setting the first and second threshold values to different values based on gesture type.
- 4. The method of claim 1, wherein a first portion of the image data is received from a touch-based gesture detection system, and a second portion of the image data is received from a non-touch based gesture detection system.
- 5. The method of claim 4, wherein processing the image data includes using the first portion of the image data from the touch-based gesture detection system to detect a non-touch 15
- 6. The method of claim 1, further comprising determining a differential similarity value, and comparing the differential similarity value with a difference between the touch gesture similarity value and the non-touch gesture similarity value.
 - 7. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - using contextual information to select between a touch and non-touch gesture when processing the touch gesture similarity value and the non-touch gesture similarity value.
- 8. The method of claim 7, wherein the contextual information includes information identifying a previously-identified gesture.
- 9. The method of claim 7, wherein the contextual information includes information identifying a command set of an 30 application.
- 10. One or more computer-readable media, storing computer-executable instructions that, when executed, cause a computer to at least:

receive image data corresponding to a user's gesture; process the image data to generate a touch gesture similarity value that defines similarity of the user's gesture to one or more touch gestures and a non-touch gesture similarity value that defines similarity of the user's gesture to one or more non-touch gestures;

process the touch gesture similarity value and the nontouch gesture similarity value to identify the user's gesture, resulting in an identified gesture; and

generate an output in response of the identified gesture.

11. The one or more computer-readable media of claim 10, 45 wherein processing the touch gesture similarity value and the non-touch gesture similarity value includes:

comparing the touch gesture similarity value with a first threshold value; and

comparing the non-touch gesture similarity value with a 50 second threshold value.

- 12. The one or more computer-readable media of claim 11, wherein the first and second threshold values differ based on different gesture types.
- 13. The one or more computer-readable media of claim 10, 55 wherein a first portion of the image data is received from a touch-based gesture detection system, and a second portion of the image data is received from a non-touch based gesture detection system.
- 14. The one or more computer-readable media of claim 13, 60 further storing computer-executable instructions that, when executed, cause the computer to: use the first portion of the image data from the touch-based gesture detection system to detect a non-touch gesture.
- 15. The one or more computer-readable media of claim 10, 65 further storing computer-executable instructions that, when executed, cause the computer to compare a differential simi-

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larity value with a difference between the touch gesture similarity value and the non-touch gesture similarity value.

16. The one or more computer-readable media of claim 10, further storing computer-executable instructions that, when executed, cause the computer to:

use contextual information to select between a touch gesture and a non-touch gesture.

- 17. The one or more computer-readable media of claim 16, wherein the contextual information includes information identifying a previously-identified gesture.
- 18. The one or more computer-readable media of claim 16, wherein the contextual information includes information identifying a command set of an application.
 - 19. An apparatus, comprising: one or more processors; and

memory storing computer-executable instructions that, with the processor, cause the apparatus to at least:

receive image data corresponding to a user's gesture;

process the image data to generate a touch gesture similarity value that defines similarity of the user's gesture to one or more touch gestures and a non-touch gesture similarity value that defines similarity of the user's gesture to one or more non-touch gestures;

process the touch gesture similarity value and the nontouch gesture similarity value to identify the user's gesture, resulting in an identified gesture; and

generate an output in response to the identified gesture.

20. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein processing the touch gesture similarity value and the non-touch gesture similarity value includes:

comparing the touch gesture similarity value with a first threshold value; and

comparing the non-touch similarity value with a second threshold value.

- 21. The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the first and second threshold values differ based on different gesture types.
- 22. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein a first portion of the 40 image data is received from a touch-based gesture detection system, and a second portion of the image data is received from a non-touch based gesture detection system.
 - 23. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the memory further stores computer-executable instructions that, with the processor, cause the apparatus to use the first portion of the image data from a touch-based gesture detection system to detect a non-touch gesture.
 - 24. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the memory further stores computer-executable instructions that, with the processor, cause the apparatus to compare a differential similarity value with a difference between the touch gesture and nontouch gesture similarity values.
 - 25. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the memory further stores computer-executable instructions that, with the processor, cause the apparatus to use contextual information to select between a touch gesture and a non-touch gesture.
 - 26. The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the contextual information includes information identifying a previouslyidentified gesture.
 - 27. The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the contextual information includes information identifying a command set of an application.
 - 28. The apparatus of claim 19, further comprising an infrared camera and a plurality of infrared light sources positioned below a screen, wherein the infrared camera is configured to supply at least a portion of the image data.